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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU DISTINGUISHED PROF TO SPEAK

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's Distinguished Professor Gary Wallace will give a historical perspective of Eastern's Geology Summer Field Program during a free, public lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday in 332 Physical Science building.

A reception will immediately follow the lecture in 331A Physical Science building.

Named Eastern's Distinguished Professor for 1994-95 for excellence in teaching, research and public service, Wallace is an authority on Black Hills geology and one of the state's leaders in earth science education.

The geology/geography professor also is the founder of Eastern's Geology Summer Field Program, a capstone course where geology majors from Eastern and other colleges and universities across the country apply the principles they have learned in courses at classic geologic sites in the Black Hills of South Dakota and Wyoming.

A Charleston resident, Wallace joined Eastern's geology/geography depart-

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ment in 1970 and served as chair of the department for six years. He helped develop the bachelor of science in geology degree, one of the most comprehensive undergraduate degrees in the state. He also initiated an earth science field experience in the Black Hills for teachers.

Outside of the university, he has led many workshops for earth science teachers and given presentations to public school children and community organizations on earth science subjects, including earthquake hazards and preparedness.